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TITLE OF INVENTION: IMAGE FORMING DEVICE THAT CHANGES PROCESS SPEED ACCORDING TO ELECTRICAL PROPERTY OF TRANSFER MEMBER

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